

St. John's Lutheran Church



Newsletter

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Have you remembered St. John's in your will?

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With Labor Day officially here and gone, our summer vacation is basically over.

School's now in session and football's begun in the regular season; the World Series is soon, and NHL hockey; and before we all know it, the harvest will happen, with pumpkin spice flavors in all kinds of treats.

In our churches around us, the regular season of classes and choirs that fill most of the year has begun it's long march through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and eight months to Easter.

Our regular season here at St. John's join our neighboring churches in all of this work. And with Labor Day, here, we have new tasks to do that we don't do too often: we are getting to work to call a new pastor, while doing the things that we normally do.

And for this, we all need your help to do this together.

Our Education Committee is asking for help to teach Sunday School classes. Our experienced teachers will help and support you doing this work. And along with Sunday School help, they ask that you consider helping our kids, directing their program when Christmas comes around.

Our church council is asking for help to call a new pastor. We

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need people to help with a Call Committee to do our paperwork needed for this; to schedule our meetings to share together our ministry needs that a pastor can serve; and to work with our synod, looking at candidates, scheduling interviews, and answering questions a pastor might ask.

And your help is needed, along your patience, as this work begins, with new pastors who'll help us with worship and care. And we ask the same as our members step up to do some of this work—liturgy, visiting, and speaking at worship.

Our Deacons are working to line up this help. And our synod is working to find pastors who'll serve doing interim work during this time.

When Labor Day comes, we normally know the seasons and work that is coming ahead. And added to that, for us at St. John's, new work is coming for us all to do. All the details aren't worked out and our routines will change.

But what makes us a church still stays the same: the Good News of Jesus, the sacraments offered, God's Holy Word preached, and God's Holy Spirit, leading and guiding us, growing our faith and loving each other like Jesus loves us.

A good and new season has come for St. John's. Ask God in your prayers to bless our work and bring us together to serve as a church and call a new pastor.

In Christ,

Pr. Bryan

Radio Ministry September 2025



Sept 7 Church Funds

Sept 14 Given by Darrell & Jolayne Winkie

Sept 21 Honor of Virgil & Deb Thorstenson's wedding anniversary

Sept 28 Church Funds



Thank you to the Volunteers who have quietly slipped into the church property to change lightbulbs, remove bats and spray weeds in parking lot. We appreciate everything you have done for us and *Thank You for your service to our Church!*



The Board of Ed is looking for Sunday School teachers to help teach and someone to direct the Christmas Program this year. If you're interested, please contact Bailey Benson at 563 380-1378.

Sunday, Sept 21 at 9:30am will be the first day of Sunday School. Grades K-5th; parent meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Kids invited to attend.

Grades 6th-7th will be in Sandy Deal's room upstairs.

LYO meeting Sept 7 at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. If anyone is interested in helping, please attend.

To Receive the Word ...



Sunday morning worship services are on the local radio station. Dial in 103.5 FM (KNEI) at 8:30 am or log into www.kneiradio.com to worship with St. John's. We also are video streaming on Facebook Live.

You may now receive the newsletter via email as a PDF document. Contact the church office if you would like to be on this email list.

St. John's is on the web at www.stjohnswaukon.net and Facebook stjohns@waukon



Trustee/Council Meeting Aug 19, 2025



~Bd Deacons to secure supply pastors

~Call Committee to be formed

~Accept proposal from Lightwell Insurance for church insurance

~Pulpit Supply \$225 per Sunday + mileage

~New dishwasher purchased for kitchen

****SEE NARTHEX BULLETIN BOARD for details****

Worship in the Park

Due to the uncertainty of pastoral service in September, this year's "Service in the Park" has been cancelled. Worship will be held in the church at the regular fall scheduled times of 8:30am & 10:30am.

*Submitted by
Linda Groe / Deacons*

September 2025

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3 9am-noon tying quilts 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 9am-noon tying quilts 6pm Youth Bells & Deacons mtg 7pm Sr Bells	11	12	13
14 Worship 8:30 & 10am w/comm. 7pm Mens Choir		16 9:15am Sarah Circle 7pm Dorcas Circle				
21 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am 9:30am Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir			17 6pm Youth Bells 7pm Sr Bells	18	19	20
28 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Choir Dedication 9:30am Sun School & Sr Choir 7pm Mens Choir	29	30				

Music Ministry

It is September already with Senior Choir rehearsing and bell choirs in full swing {pun}.



Wednesday, Sept 3rd Youth Bell Choir will begin rehearsals at 6pm with Sarah Sweeney assisting. Sr Bell Choir will also return to rehearse at 7pm.

Sr Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, Sept 7th at 9:30am immediately following the 8:30am worship service.

Choir Dedication is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Sept 28.

The Men's Choir will continue to rehearse on Sunday evenings at 7pm.

Looking forward to seeing everyone and if you know of someone who would like to sing, please invite them to join us.

Submitted by

James H. Bieber / Director of Music



CIRCLE NEWS

Sept 2025

SARAH Circle: will meet Sept 9 at 9:15am at the church with hostess Joan Moody. The Bible study will be session 3 on pg 37 of the June/July/August issue of Gather magazine.

DORCAS Circle: Will meet Sept 9 via Zoom. Contact Linda Groe to join.

August 2025

Baptisms: Phoebe Pierson
Leonora Pierson



Weddings: Stock/Ellinghuysen

Deaths: Richard Hermeier,
Betty Engrav

St. John's Volunteer Duty List

Sep 2025

Date	Service		Greeters	Readers	Comm. Asst.	Comm. Prep.	Acolytes	Ushers
9/7/25	8:30 AM	E	Bailey Benson	Becky Roe	Linda/Dennis DeBuhr Cindy Barness	Ann Hagensick Linda Groe		Russ Meyer Bernie Pausch Dan Treangen
	10:00 AM	E		Linda Groe	Linda Groe	Lori Hesse		Norman Peterson Donna Wood
9/14/25	8:30 AM	E	****	****	****	****	****	****
	10:30 AM	E						
9/21/25	8:30 AM	E	Ron & Linda Dahlstrom	Chris Engstrom	Nona Sawyer Dave/Wendy Sanderson	Chris Ellickson Dawn Teslow		Same
	10:30 AM	E		Wendy Bucheit	Wendy Bucheit	Altar Guild		
9/28/25	8:30 AM	E	Dave & Wendy Sanderson	Linda Halvorson				Same
	10:30 AM	E		Vickie Larson				



We have started to meet and gear up for a new and exciting year!

This summer we sponsored 15 kids going to Village Creek Bible Camp. Those camperships were distributed in church earlier this summer. We hope that they had great day learning about God!

Pennies for Presents will be collected the 3rd Sunday each month. We use this money to purchase Christmas presents for some lucky boys and girls. Thank you for your donation to this worthy cause!

Our quilters have started! Quilting will be done on Wednesdays from 9am-12 on the stage. They have started and will work through the first two weeks in September. This is an opportunity for fellowship among some wonderful ladies. BTW...most of their time is spent tying quilts. That means that they will use a big needle and pull a string from the top to the bottom of the quilts and back up again and then tie a knot. It is really quite simple and fun! They even take a short coffee break! Come and join them!

There will be a new kitchen organizer for funerals. If you are working at a funeral, this paper will spell out exactly who is responsible for different foods and workers. Please look for this paper to sign your name on when you bring food or if you have questions about what is being served.

Speaking of funerals, some circles are struggling to get enough workers to work at the funeral. If you are able to help out please let us know. Feel free to volunteer to help out even if it isn't your circle that is working on that funeral. Thanks!

Respectfully,

Karen Stamper

Sept 7 Time After Pentecost

No. 685 Take My Life

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

No. 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

During Distribution No. 810 & 818

**No. 772 Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My
Ways**

Sept 14 Time After Pentecost

No. 807 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

No. 779 Amazing Grace

No. 544 Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Sept 21 Time After Pentecost

No. 669 Rise Up, O Saints of God

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

No. 678 God, Whose Giving

During Distribution No. 480 & 488

No. 717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Sept 28 Time After Pentecost

No. 845 Voices Raised to You

First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

No. 712 Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

No. 876 Let the Whole Creation Cry

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Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Darrell Jahnke Darren & Kelly O'Connor (A)	2	3 Austin Hansen Maxwell Lograsso Alissa Smith Bob & Kathy Hay Joachim (A) Adam & Amanda Leiran (A) Dustin & Carissa Otto (A)	4 Mary Lynn Jenkins Colton O'Neill	5 Wyatt Iverson James & Janice Allison (A)	6 Drew Bell Scotti Hagensick Kailey Smith John & Diane Allison (A) Brock & Kasey Iverson (A) Dave & Wendy Sanderson (A)
7	8 Kayla Leiran	9 Marian Hesla Todd & Marlene Hills (A)	10 Soren Benson Amanda Leiran	11 Keeran Barr Sherry Tuttle Becky Welper	12 Irv Fosaaen Michael Halvorson Emily Libbey Jonathan & Christina Williams (A)	13 Jillian Fish
14 Meghan Compaore Sheryl Evanson Mazie Miller Leonora Pierson Phoebe Pierson Brent Ziegler Greg & Marlene Palmer (A)	15 Braxton Anderson Tila Anderson Elsie Dougherty Darren O'Connor	16 Nathan Iverson Trent Jacobs Marlene Palmer Steve & Becky Welper (A)	17 Ethan & Kari Harrington (A)	18	19 Greg Gordon	20 Corbin Snitker
21 Dawson Dietrich Dalton Ellickson Virgil & Deb Thorstenson (A)	22 Steve Dahlstrom Stacy Wyninger	23 Gordon & Louise Ellingson (A)	24 Jared Soper Dawn Thorsten Devin & Heidi Ryan (A)	25 Carter Cook Ben Larkin Cody & Annette Cook (A)	26 Rhonda Barr Kenric Christen Ann Hart Emma Johnson	27 Olivia Heyden
28 Jaxon Hills	29 Oaklyn Allison Dean Jackson John O'Neill	30 Gus Benjegerdes				

Feed the Kids 2025



Another successful Feed the Kids program was completed by the entire community. Last year they served 1,974 lunches, and this year almost 1,000 more with 2,850 lunches and 2,380 breakfasts in 22 days. Thank you to all of the businesses, private donors of money and food for the children ages 0-18 that benefited.

Thrivent provided a \$250 grant to supplement meals for St. John's week which bought fruit, muffins, cookies and juice boxes for breakfast. Finally, a big thank you also goes out to the 25 volunteers from St. John's that prepared, served and cleaned up during the week.

It cannot be done without the help of all of you! God Bless

Submitted by Cindy Wuebker



Scholarships.....



Recipients of college scholarships are:

Olivia Bossom, Lynsey Houg, Ava Bossom, Sarah Stock, Olivia Dougherty & Keeran Barr.

Not pictured: Hailey Houg, Drew Stock, McKinley Ros-tvold, Brandon Teslow, Hannah Teslow